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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: CHILEAN

AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON GENERAL (R) ALFREDO CANALES

REFS: A. BEIRUT 10988, B. SANTIAGO 5579

1. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE IN ADVANCE OF FORMAL REQUEST FROM GOC WHETHER MEDEVAC AND HOSPITALIZATION CAN BE AUTHORIZED BY USG AGENCIES FOR GENERAL CANALES. ANY SUCH REQUEST SHOULD INDICATE DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE GOC PLACES IN SUCH FACILITATION. WE WOULD ALSO NEED FORMAL RECOMMENDATION FROM AMBASSADOR (PER A-64 OF JANUARY 5, 1972) CERTIFYING THAT TRANSPORT AND HOSPITALIZATION ASSISTANCE WOULD BE IN U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST. RECOMMENDATION FROM EMBASSY TO MOVE AHEAD WITH REQUEST SHOULD IDENTIFY WHETHER COST OF AIR TRANSPORT AND MEDICAL CARE WOULD BE BORNE BY GOC AND/OR CANALES FAMILY.

2. FYI - NEITHER WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER NOR
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BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL PROVIDE REHABILITATIVE MEDICAL

CARE. PROPER FACILITIES, IN CANALES CASE, MAY BE AVAILABLE AT ONE OF VARIOUS VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION CENTERS WHICH SPECIALIZE IN SPINAL CORD INJURIES.

3. FYI - MEDEVAC FLIGHTS FOLLOU FRANKFURT-TEHRAN-ADDIS ABABA-ADANA-FRANKFURT CIRCUIT EVERY TWO WEEKS. NEXT FLIGHT

SCHEDULED ABOUT OCTOBER 3. BEIRUT STOP WOULD HAVE TO BE BETWEEN FRANKFURT AND TEHRAN, MAKING TOTAL ELAPSED TIME BETWEEN BEIRUT AND ANDREWS AFB VIA THIS ROUTING APPROXIMATELY FOUR DAYS. ESTIMATED COST DOLS 7500. END FYI.

4. DEPARTMENT IS, OF COURSE, PREPARED TO SUPPORT STRONGLY ANY SUCH REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO CANALES, PROVIDED CHILEANS BEAR COSTS. KISSINGER

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